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Chief, Personnel Branch

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Chief, FBI

Request for Extension of Leave Without Pay

The attached statement from the chief of the FBI
Kanai Bureau is forwarded in support of the somewhat irregular
Request for extension of leave without pay to [redacted]
submitted herewith.

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L. K. WHITE
Chief, FBI

Attached

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Kakaha, Kauai, P.I.

Dear Colonel White:

[redacted] started to work for the FBSI in May, 1944, being one of the first monitors hired after the station was set up in Hawaii. Previous to that time he had tuberculosis, was hospitalized two years, and spent the greater part of another year convalescing. He had apparently been cured, and had been employed more than three years when hired by this organization. However, he was weak physically, and had been extremely careful not to over exert.

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"After he started working for FBSI he threw himself whole-heartedly into the work, willingly accepting night work, irregular hours, and long hours of overtime. To my knowledge he never offered the slightest objection to this strain, and in fact put in overtime on his own initiative if he saw there was work needed to be done.

"He was one of the first Japanese monitors sent to Guam when the station was opened there, and gave himself unstintingly, just as he had in Hawaii. Japanese medium wave cannot be monitored satisfactorily at Kauai during the late spring and summer, and covering the regional medium wave stations, especially to get intelligence on the effects of airraids, was the chief work at Guam. In the summer of 1945 this monitoring became difficult even on Guam, and as the Army and Navy there were depending heavily on FBSI for information, it was decided to move to Iwojima for monitoring.

[redacted] went to Iwojima, set up a small monitoring operation, and then [redacted] returned to Guam.

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[redacted] remained at Iwo, I believe it was for six weeks, operating a one-man monitoring post. Working hours meant nothing to him, and during the entire period he filed copy daily. Of course this was quite a physical and nervous strain, and as soon as [redacted] returned to Guam he became ill. I recall that [redacted] who was at that time on Kauai, was considerably upset when he heard that [redacted] had been left alone on Iwo, saying that he was not physically capable of standing such a strain.

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"Soon after his illness on Guam, [redacted] returned to Kauai. Here he worked for a few months, and when he went for his regular x-ray the doctor sent him to the hospital. Five months later he was released, and worked part-time here at Kauai. After a few months he started having hemorrhages and was returned to the hospital.

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"Again he was kept there several months, released, and exactly the same thing happened. Now he has been released a third time, but wants to wait until he and the doctors are more sure of his strength before he starts work. He may be ready to start in a month, and perhaps not for several months. His case is peculiar, as the doctors

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say he does not have an 'active' case of tuberculosis. However, when he becomes fatigued he is subject to hemorrhages.

"Of course no one can prove it, but I am confident that over-work and strain on Guam and Iwo caused this relapse. Therefore I feel that the FBIS owes him a great deal, and the Government should give him every break possible. In addition to this unstinting devotion to the work during the war, he is a good Japanese or English monitor, an intelligent student of world affairs, an exceptionally loyal and cooperative employee, and as sound an American as you are likely to find."

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